

The Guam Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics is pleased to release the [March 2011 Current Employment](#) report.

### Employment Highlights

The March 2011 preliminary statistics show the number of Guam jobs decreased slightly, 270 over the latest year, down 700 jobs over the quarter or 1.1 percent.

Nearly all of the reduction occurred in the private sector with construction experiencing the greatest decline of 300 in the latest quarter, followed by retail trade with a loss of 190 jobs. Over the year, the reductions in construction and retail trade were off-set by significant gains in services including Hotels.

Federal employment was unchanged this quarter, but was up by 120 jobs from the prior year's figures. Government of Guam employment was essentially unchanged in the latest quarter but decreased by 250 jobs over the year in the Executive branch. About half of the reduction was due to the completion of the 2010 decennial population Census which employed 130 in March last year.

Private average hours worked and weekly earnings declined slightly in the latest quarter but remained up from a year ago by 1.4 and 2.8 percent respectively. These March 2011 statistics are largely unaffected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami which occurred March 11, one day before the March 12th reference date of the payroll survey.